RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NORHAM AND ISLANDSHIRES.

Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health,

For the Year ending 31st December, 1906.

To the Rural District Council of Norham and Islandshires.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have again the honour of laying before you my Annual Report, being for the year 1906. The Returns I have received from the Registrars of Births and Deaths show that 142 Births were registered, being the same number as registered in 1905, and equal to a rate of 23.45 per 1,000 of the population (6,054).

In the same period the Deaths registered of all ages from all causes numbered 86, as compared with 63 last year, being an increase of 23. The Death Rate for 1905 was 10.40, and for 1906, 14.20, an increase of 3.80 per 1,000 of the population.

I have prepared the information required to be inserted in the Six Official Tables of Statistics supplied by the Local Government Board. The Table with reference to Infantile Mortality shows 8 deaths during the year of children under one year.

The Tables show that I have received during the year 22 notifications of Infectious Diseases, 14 less than last year. The cases notified were of the following description :—

Diphtheria	3
Erysipelas	3
Scarlet Fever	10
Enteric Fever	6

There were no deaths resultant from these diseases.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Water Supply for Ancroft Village has been augmented by the laying of pipes from the tank, and fixing a force pump at the School-yard, bringing the supply nearer to the inhabitants.

The old pump at the Bog Well, Horncliffe, has been replaced with a new pump of a heavier pattern, and is working satisfactorily.

Permission has been granted to conduct water into 5 private houses at Norham.

The Water Pants in the village of Norham have been thoroughly repaired.

SEWERAGE AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Visits have been paid by the Inspector and myself to the various places in the District.

Improvements have been carried out at Duddo, Middle Ord, Allerdean Pit Cottages, Fenham-le-Moor, &c. The sanitary condition of Norham West Mains and West Ord is at present receiving the attention of the Council. Attempts are being made to drain the Goswick Farm Cottages. The drainage of the Farm House is very bad, and in its present state is injurious to health. The outlet of the Main Sewer at Holy Island has been repaired.

Plans for the erection of new buildings at the following places have been approved by the Council :—Ashpits and privies—Allerdean Colliery and Norham ; tenement at Norham ; house by the Rev. J. W. Mason, Norham ; stable and coach-house, Horncliffe.

The Dairies in the District have been visited regularly and found in good order.

The Factories (numbering 4) and the Workshops (numbering 11) have been periodically visited, and found to be in a satisfactory state.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

(Signed) JOHN PAXTON,

Medical Officer of Health.

NORHAM,

7th February, 1907.

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EXTRACT from Table of Deaths accompanying this Report.

POPULATION OF DISTRICT	6,054

General Death Rate per 1,000 of the Population, 14.20.

AGES OF PERSONS DYING—	
Under 1 year	8
1 year and under 5 years	6
5 years and under 15 years	1
15 years and under 25 years	6
25 years and under 65 years	26
65 years and upwards	39
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CAUSES OF DEATH—	
Epidemic Influenza	1
Enteritis	1
Phthisis	4
Other Tubercular Diseases	1
Cancer, Malignant Disease	6
Pneumonia	6
Pleurisy	1
Heart Diseases	22
Accident	1
Premature Birth	5
All other causes	38
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